

Media Release

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YCSO Seeking Identity Theft Suspects

This release was delayed pending receipt of security video.

On April 21, 2015, an 82-year-old woman and Chino Valley resident reported identity theft to YCSO deputies. The victim indicated that her bank had recently contacted her regarding a suspicious attempt to purchase clothing at a men's clothing store in Phoenix with her credit card. After she told the bank representative she did not purchase anything at this store, the bank closed her account. A few days later, the victim obtained her bank statement and saw additional fraudulent purchases occurring twice at Robert's Market, 6450 N. Viewpoint in Prescott Valley, and a Sunglass Hut store in Phoenix.

The deputy was eventually able to obtain security video associated with the 2 transactions at Robert's Market which occurred on the same day, April 16th – one around 7:15PM and the other just before midnight. The total cost at Robert's was \$150.00 which included gas, drinks and cigarettes. The suspect vehicle pictured appears to be a gray colored Jeep Patriot and contained at least 3 persons, 2 of whom exited the back seat of the Jeep and entered the store to make purchases – see photo.



The victim explained that she recently received an email contact from a person claiming to represent her bank and requesting personal information to "fix" her accounts. It appears the suspects used information she provided to create a bank card with her account information used at the indicated locations.



If anyone recognizes these suspects and/or their vehicle, you are urged to contact Yavapai Silent Witness at 1800-932-3232 or the Sheriff's Office at 928-771-3260. With Silent Witness, you never have to leave your name and become eligible for a cash reward in the tip leads to an arrest. Case number is 15-014223.

Citizens can contact the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office with information or questions at 928-771-3260 or the YCSO website:

www.ycsoaz.gov